

Please further amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, replace the second full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

During the process of manufacturing various products, there have been used cutting apparatus for cutting a continuously-conveyed broad sheetlike raw fabric into a plurality of narrow beltlike materials and simultaneously rewinding the beltlike materials onto different wind-up mechanisms.

At pages 1-2, replace the bridging paragraph with the following new paragraph:

In the cutting portion of the cutting apparatus, the raw fabric is cut in its longer direction first to form a plurality of magnetic tapes. Then the plurality of magnetic tapes are conveyed via guide mechanisms making contact with the respective magnetic tapes at a predetermined lap angle so as to guide the magnetic tapes to a wind-up position where the plurality of magnetic tapes are individually wound on a plurality of reels.

At page 4, replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

Upon persistent examination, the present inventors have discovered that uniform tensile strength can be applied to a plurality of beltlike materials on the downstream side of a cutting portion by lowering the capability to cut off the tensile strength on the part of guide mechanisms for guiding to a wind-up portion the plurality of beltlike materials formed in the cutting portion.

At page 4, replace the second full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A cutting apparatus according to the invention comprising a cutting portion for cutting a

continuously-conveyed raw fabric in its longer direction into a plurality of beltlike materials, a wind-up portion having a wind-up mechanism for rewinding the plurality of beltlike materials separately, and guide mechanisms for guiding each of the belt like materials to the wind-up portion while keeping up contact with the respective beltlike materials, is characterized in that at least one of the guide mechanisms is so arranged that its capability to cut off tensile strength is lowered for differentiating the tensile strength of the beltlike material on the upstream side of the guide mechanism from the tensile strength of the beltlike material on the downstream side thereof.

At pages 5-6, replace the bridging paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A method for producing a beltlike material according to the invention comprising the steps of cutting a continuously-conveyed raw fabric in its longer direction into a plurality of beltlike materials, guiding the plurality of beltlike materials to a wind-up portion having a wind-up mechanism via guide mechanisms which make contact with the respective beltlike materials, and rewinding the plurality of beltlike materials separately onto the wind-up mechanism, is characterized in that the plurality of beltlike materials are guided to the wind-up portion via at least one of the guide mechanisms so arranged that its capability to cut off tensile strength is lowered for differentiating the tensile strength of the beltlike material on the upstream side of the guide mechanism from the tensile strength of the beltlike material on the downstream side thereof.

At pages 6-7, replace the bridging paragraph with the following new paragraph:

In a Japanese Patent Registration No. 2,579,382 (corresponding to a Japanese Patent unexamined Publication No. Hei. 4-111224), a cutting apparatus having a tensile-strength compensating unit for applying predetermined tensile strength independently to a plurality of magnetic tapes formed in its cutting portion is described. However, the Japanese Patent Registration 2,579,382 suggests no technical ideas embodying the present invention in that at least one of the guide mechanisms for guiding a plurality of beltlike materials formed in a cutting portion are defined as the one whose capability to cut off tensile strength is lowered.

At page 8, replace the second full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

A plurality of guide rollers 20a - 20f as guide mechanisms are installed through each guide passage. The guide rollers 20a - 20f are disposed so that each of them can make contact with the whole magnetic tape 82 conveyed through the guide passages at a predetermined lap angle. In this case, a cleaner 13 is provided between the guide rollers 20b and 20c in each guide passage to clean the magnetic tape 82 passing therethrough.

At page 9, replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a guide roller 20. The guide roller 20 includes a plurality of rotary rollers 22 that are separately rotatably mounted on a columnar pivotal shaft 21. As this construction, since beltlike materials are prevented from interfering with one another, it is possible to individually independently determine each passing speed of the beltlike materials.